

1. Dialogue Reading

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation.

Andrea: Excuse me. **Can you tell me how to get to the post office?**

Man on the street: No, I'm sorry. I don't know. I'm from out of town.

(a minute later)

Andrea: Excuse me. **Do you know where the post office is?**

Second Man: Sure. It's not far from here. **Walk straight ahead until you get to Main street.** Then...

Andrea: Sorry to interrupt you. **How many blocks is that?**

Second Man: It's about two or three blocks. It's the first traffic light you come to. When you get to Main Street, turn right and walk one block to Broadway. Then **turn left** and go about half a block.

Andrea: Which side of the street is it on?

Second Man: Coming from this direction, it'll be **on your right side**. It's in the **middle of the block**, next to the Sweets Ice Cream Shop. **You can't miss it. Do you want me to repeat any of that?**

Andrea: No. that's okay. **I've got it.** Thanks a lot.

Second Man: You're welcome.



Find New Expressions ✓

Write down any useful or new expressions and words in the fields below.

New Words List

2. Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue, substituting the different expressions below. Then reverse roles.

Can you tell me how to get to the post office?

Can you tell me where the post office is?

Do you know where the post office is?

the museum

the theater

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2. Practice - continued ☒

How do I get to the bank?

to the zoo
to the school
to the train station

I'm sorry. I don't know.

I'm afraid not.
I'm afraid I can't.

I'm from out of town.

I don't live here. I'm just a visitor.
I really don't know the city very well.

Sure. It's not far from here.

Yes. It's quite close to here.
It's only about a ten minute walk from here.

Walk straight ahead until you get to Main Street.

Walk down the street...
Walk three blocks...
Walk up the block...
Keep walking in this direction until...

How many blocks is that?

How far is that?

It's about two or three blocks.

It's about a five minute walk.

It's the first traffic light you come to.

It's the second intersection you come to.

Turn right.

Turn left.

It'll be on your right side.

It's on your left.

It's next to the Sweets Ice Cream Shop.

It's beside the bank.
It's between the pharmacy and the bank.
It's across the street from a big church.

It's in the middle of the block.

It's at the end of the block.
It's on the corner.

You can't miss it.

It's easy to find.

Do you want me to repeat any of that?

Is that clear?
Do you understand?

No. That's okay. I've got it.

It's okay. I understand.
Yes. It's very clear.

3. Review

In the space below, draw a neighborhood map with streets and avenues. Include several buildings such as a bank, post office, grocery store, pharmacy, school, beauty salon, restaurant, gas station, etc. Then work with a partner and practice giving directions to different locations. Use the following expressions: *walk along, turn right, turn left, go two blocks, it's on the corner, it's beside, it's next to, it's in the middle of the block, it's on the corner, it's across the street from*, etc.

4. Dialogue Building

Complete the dialogue below with appropriate expressions.

Andrea: Excuse me. _____ the post office?

Man on the street: No. _____

(a minute later)

Andrea: Excuse me. _____ post office is?

Second Man: Sure. It's _____

_____ Main Street.

Andrea: _____ ?

Second Man: It's about two or three blocks. It's the first _____ you come to. When you get to Main Street, _____

Andrea: Which side of the street is it on?

Second Man: Coming from this direction, _____ side. It's _____ of the block, _____ the Sweets Ice Cream Shop. _____

Andrea: No. That's okay. _____. Thanks a lot.

Second Man: You're welcome.

5. Write your own dialogue

Work with a partner and write your own new dialogue using any phrases from page 2. Then practice the dialogue and present it to your class.

